



No-Action Alternative Definition

- All Existing Facilities and Land Uses
- Shasta Temperature Control Device funded by non-CVPIA funds. Facilities under construction during Draft PEIS preparation
- Bay-Delta Plan per SWRCB Water Rights Decisions
- CVP Water Contract Renewals
- Level 2 Refuge Water Supplies from Historic Sources
- Trinity River Instream Flows of 340,000 acre-feet/year
- Increased Water Rights Demands per Department of Water Resources Bulletin 160-93
- Service/Reclamation Conservation Program
- Implement CVP Conservation Program to benefit priority and special status species

No-Action Alternative Physical Features

- All Existing Facilities
- Shasta Temperature Control Device
- State Water Project Coastal Aqueduct
- Metropolitan Water District Eastside Reservoir
- Contra Costa Water District Los Vaqueros Reservoir
- Coleman Fish Hatchery
- Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
- Old River Barrier

Description of the No-Action Alternative

The alternatives were analyzed for their impacts in comparison to a No-Action Alternative. The No-Action Alternative reflects conditions expected to exist in the Year 2025 if the CVPIA had not been adopted and provides a basis for comparison of other alternatives. It includes existing facilities and land uses, as well as projections concerning future growth, land use changes, and changes in CVP operational policies which are being considered and have undergone separate environmental documentation. The No-Action Alternative also includes assumptions concerning concurrent, but separately evaluated issues. One example is the assumption that ocean harvest limitations for sport and commercial salmon fishing would be consistent with 1992 policies. The PEIS recognizes that those issues may be evaluated in a separate process, but not by the PEIS.

Assumptions for Physical Features Under the No-Action

Existing physical features of the CVP constitute the starting point for defining the No-Action Alternative. The No-Action Alternative also includes projects that would have been implemented without adoption of the CVPIA. The criteria for inclusion of the future facilities in the No-Action Alternative required that the project have:

- Authorization and funding for design;
- Final environmental documents, permits, and approvals; and
- Initial authorization and funding for construction without CVPIA.

Assumptions for Operations Under the No-Action Alternative

The operational and regulatory policies and assumptions included in the No-Action Alternative were already in existence or were being developed prior to the adoption of CVPIA. The No-Action Alternative includes assumptions about results of ongoing evaluation processes for these policies. For example, the No-Action Alternative includes assumptions for implementation of the Bay-Delta Plan Accord.